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HOUSE BILL No. 251.]

[SES. 1862-'63.

Introduced by Mr. PEEBLES, of Northampton.

W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

A BILL BY WHICH FREE PERSONS OF COLOR
MAY ENSLAVE THEMSELVES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the
State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the
authority of the same,* That all free persons of color over
twenty-one years of age, married or unmarried, possessing
a sound and contracting mind, shall have full right,
power and authority to enslave themselves to any white
citizen of this State, in the same manner, and under the
same rules and regulations as are now prescribed by law
for the conveyance of real estate by *feme coverts*.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all free persons of
color thus enslaving themselves, shall be forever thereaf-
ter regarded in law and equity, as negro slaves to all in-
tents and purposes.

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